




Speech By
Hon. Mark Ryan

MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

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ADJOURNMENT

Brady, Superintendent M; Buy Queensland

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (6.03 pm): I start by acknowledging the service of Superintendent Michael Brady to the Queensland Police Service but also to the Caboolture and Moreton Bay region. Superintendent Michael Brady is the longest serving district officer in the Queensland Police Service. He retires after 12 years as the district officer in charge of the Caboolture and Moreton police districts. His last day will be next Friday. I acknowledge the member for Redcliffe as well as other Moreton Bay members of parliament, who have had a very good cooperative relationship with Superintendent Brady. He is known as 'Mick the Builder', because he has been responsible for the rebuild of pretty much every single police facility in the Moreton district. He is known as 'Mick the Builder' in my mind not necessarily for the infrastructure he has overseen being delivered in the Moreton district but for the community he has built, the relationships he has built and the crime prevention strategies he has helped build over his time. I wish Superintendent Brady all the very best for his retirement. I know that he will enjoy spending much of his retirement caring for his new grandson and having fun with him.

I would also like to talk about some of the significant benefits that are being delivered in the Morayfield state electorate by the Palaszczuk government's Buy Queensland initiative. We all know that, before this strategy was rolled out, 'local' could mean anything from across the road to across the Tasman. Our government has stepped up and refocused that definition of 'local'. That has delivered significant benefits for communities right across Queensland and ensures that Queensland businesses get the best bang out of Queensland tax dollars.

We all know that local businesses are the backbone of local economies. Certainly, with recent projects being delivered in the Caboolture region we have seen those significant benefits. We have seen significant benefits come from the construction of the new Caboolture Police Station as well as the current construction project underway in Lee Street—the new Lee Street state special school. I have been speaking to the main contractor on both of those projects, a local company called Badge Constructions. They tell me that, as a result of the Buy Queensland strategy, they included local subcontractors like Aspect Cabinetmakers and Tuff Yards landscaping as part of their project work. Both of those businesses are local Caboolture businesses run by local people and employing local people, delivering significant results.

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